## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BEAVER COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA CRIMINAL DIVISION

IN RE:

DECLARATION OF LIMITED JUDICIAL EMERGENCY IN THE 36<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Docket No. All 92 - 2020

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The State-Wide Judicial Emergency will cease as of June 1, 2020, and while there will not be a general extension of the Judicial Emergency in the 36<sup>th</sup> district, it is necessary to continue to invoke emergency measures in two (2) specific areas, to wit:

## **Rule 600**

1. Our next Jury Trial Term is scheduled for July 6, 2020, through July 17, 2020. However, due to the uncertainty as to the availability of jurors it may not be practical to proceed with jury trials until the following Jury Trial Term which is scheduled for August 31, 2020 through September 11, 2020. Therefore, a Judicial Emergency is declared in the 36th Judicial District for the purposes of extending Rule 600 of the Pa. Rules of Criminal Procedure through September 11, 2020.

The purport of this Order is that the time period beginning with the Supreme Court's Declaration of a State-Wide Judicial Emergency on March 16, 2020, and continuing through September 11, 2020, shall be **excluded** from the time calculations under Rule 600(c).

## Video Appearances

- 2. In an effort to limit potential exposure and for the health and safety of all parties and staff at the Beaver County Jail, a Judicial Emergency is declared for the purpose of transporting incarcerated defendants from the jail to the courthouse for the following proceedings:
  - a.) Preliminary Hearings,
  - b.) Plea Hearings,
  - c.) Sentence Hearings, and
  - d.) Suppression Hearings

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In these four (4) above listed proceedings the defendant shall appear by two way simultaneous communication of image and sound, and or closed circuit television. This procedure applies only to defendants that are incarcerated and shall remain in place until September 11, 2020.

Absent a future order by this Court, the two (2) subject Declarations of Local Judicial Emergency shall expire at the close of business on September 11, 2020.

BY THE COURT

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